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W. L. RICE HOMESTEAD RICEVILLE, TOWN OF MAYFIELD MONTGOMERS COUNTY, N.Y.

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NORTHERN NEW YORK DISTRICT

ADDENDUM EOLLOWS...

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY ANDREW L. DELEHANTY, DISTRICT OFFICER 123 North Pearl St., Albany, N.Y.

W. L. RICE HOMESTEAD RICEVILLE, TOWN OF MAYFIELD MONTGOMERY COUNTY, N.Y.

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OWNER: W. L. Rice, Riceville, N.Y.

DATE ERECTION: 1790

BUILDER: Oliver Rice

ARCHITECT: Unknown

PRESENT CONDITION: Very good.

NUMBER OF STORIES: TWO STORIES AND ATTIC, and basement.

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION: Frame, cobblettone basement walls,

natural beams open in ceiling, other

walls plaster.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS: Have been unable to reach Mr. Rice to

secure additional information relative to this house as he has been in Florida ever since the house was measured. If additional records are received such information will be forwarded to you.

ADDITIONAL DATA: None at the present time.

W. L. RICE HOMESTEAD Riceville, Town of Mayfield, Montgomery County, New York.

Since 1632 when the first of the Rice family came from England and settled at New London, Connecticut, thirteen generations have lived in this country. Of these, six generations have occupied the homestead at Riceville.

Covering a period of over 150 years the Rice Homestead has been occupied by successive generations of this family, and was built by Oliver Rice a soldier of the American Revolution.

The rear room of the house was built by Salem Burr, a relative of the family, but the main portion of the house was built by Oliver Rice with day labor, and was about three years in course of construction.

The bricks in the house (about 40,000) were made on the place as well as all hardware such as nails and hinges which were forged in a blacksmith shop on the place. This shop within the memory of the writer has been taken down.

Practically all timber used was cut on the place.

The bricks were laid up in blue clay. Scarcely any change has been made in the construction of the house since built.

Originally and for many years the house was painted red with white trimming. The house is purely American architecture.

Information by L. C. Rice.



Addendum To:
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Mayfield (Riceville)
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